



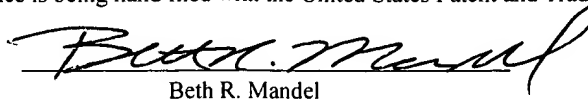
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Docket No. 482772000500

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In the application of:

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Serial No.: 09/497,142

Filing Date: February 3, 2000

For: A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
USING A PAYROLL DEDUCTION  
CARD AS A PAYMENT INSTRUMENT

Examiner: C. Kyle

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SECOND STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicant filed a Status Inquiry regarding the above application on February 4, 2004, and has not yet received a reply. Applicant printed a file history report from the Patent Application Information Retrieval System (PAIR) and notes the PAIR report does not record receipt of Applicant's February 4, 2004 Status Inquiry. The above referenced PAIR history report, printed August 6, 2004, is attached herewith.

Applicant respectfully inquires again as to the status of the above application. The last known communication regarding this application was a telephone call with Examiner Kyle on

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December 11, 2003, in which the Examiner indicated that this application was in post allowance review. The Examiner further stated that once the review was complete, that a Notice of Allowance would be issued. To date, the notice has not been received by the Applicant.

To date, no further communication has been received on this application.

In the event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952 (482772000500).**

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